

Letter from Alexander Melville Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, March 2, 1880, with transcript

2 Bulfinch Place, Boston, Mass., March 2nd, 1880. (No envelope) My dear Al.,

Many happy returns of your birthday! I don't think there is a soul that knows you and does not join in that wish. Happy fellow! Nothing was done yesterday and I have nothing yet to communicate. I am hourly expecting a call to the N. B. T. Co's. office. I have had no letter from home, but a congratulatory telegram yesterday. A letter from Mr. Henderson informs me of a telegram from you inviting me and "Maria" to Washington I have written to "Maria" telling her that if she does not mind travelling alone to Washington, after the painters have gone, I will join her there. So I hope we may both have the pleasure of making a joint inspection of No. 2 in the light of your and Mabel's presence. I received your telegram (to Williams) last evening, but as my letter of Sunday must have reached you before any reply by wire could have done so, I did not answer by telegraph. When we get the papers we shall take Mr. Muzzey's counsel before signing. In the meantime we have nothing to consult about. Mr. Eustis Hubbard informs me that he can get \$200.00 per share for the Continentals. I think it would be advisable for Carrie to sell some portion of her stock at that figure and have written her to that effect. What do you think? I hope I shall have something 2 definite to write about tomorrow. Meantime with love to Mabel, Elsie, No.2, and yourself, I am,

Your affectionate father, Alex. Melville Bell.